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SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I support the concept. However, this did not go to a public hearing to include all these other items. I would be very glad to help another time to put this particular series of increases into our insurance law. However, I feel it would be a mistake to add this wide coverage without having had any input at a public hearing on those various items when this happens to be a piece of legislation relating to coverage of newborn infants. That was what the public hearing was advertised as, that was what the people came to the public hearing to discuss. Therefore, I must regretfully oppose the proposal to return it for specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, Frank Lewis. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would request that this amendment be laid over and be printed in the Journal so we could see what it is.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills. You're asking . . . there's a request for unanimous consent to lay over. Is there objection? Seeing none, . . . thank you. Senator Dworak, are you prepared . . . Senator Mills.

SENATOR DWORAK: Yeah. Mr. President, maybe Senator Marsh has the right idea and maybe the bill should be returned back to committee for discussion of these two matters since they are pertinent to the bill, number one. Number two, I think the initial bill there is a lot of confusion as to whether we're talking about well babies or sick babies on the initial amendment. There's quite a bit of difference in rate, in that well babies, I think as Senator Marsh pointed out the other day, there is about 25 to 27¢ per month, while if we're including . . . I mean sick babies, while we're including well babies we're talking about maybe \$1.20 to \$1.50 a month. The bill in itself is very confusing in the wording. I would like to move that this bill be returned to committee to look at the two provisions and also to clarify the wording as to what we are trying to mandate the people by.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the body, I object to moving this bill back to committee. Senator Dworak may be very convinced of what the amendments that he has offered. However, should we do this to every amendment and to every bill we'd find ourselves in quite a state of confusion. I'm very much, as Senator Kelly, in saying that we should at least be exposed to those amendments that he has offered, they were not printed in the Journal, they are not on the desk before us. I don't believe that is sufficient to recommend this to go back to committee. I suggest that we supersede Senator Dworak's motion and lay this over so that we can read the amendment or treat it justly today.

PRESIDENT: The Chair is of the opinion that Senator Dworak's original motion was probably in order to return it to Select File for specific amendment. What is your subsequent motion Senator Dworak?